heavy and it should therefore be reduced, the soils being reclassified in accordance with their real state. This has been specially the case in the Koppa taluk.

This was considered along with subject No. 98.

SUBJECT No. 98.

Re-survey of Koppa taluk.

Mr. Chennakesava Rao, Koppa taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The re-survey of the Koppa taluk has been completed and only the Settlement is awaited. From the results of the Re-survey and Settlement carried on till now, it is found that an increase of assessment of 33 per cent in maidan and 13 per cent in malnad has been announced. Koppa is a *pukka* malnad taluk. The export and import trade is very low. Labour is very dear. Considering the above and other reasons, such as, density of population, the number of agriculturists, etc., we pray that during the Settlement, a decrease of 25 per cent may kindly be granted.

Reply of Government.—When the proposals for the revision of Settlement in the Koppa taluk are received by Government, Mr. Sreenivas Rao will, as a special case, be given an opportunity of expressing his views thereon.

SUBJECT No. 99.

(*a*) Control of channels and distribution of water. Annual repairs to channels.

(*a*) Messrs. Doddapayanna, and Alasingarachar, Hassan taluk.
(*b*) Messrs. B. Ramanna, and Venkatasubbiah, Krishnarajpete taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The existing system of dual control over irrigation channels by the Revenue and Public Works Departments makes it difficult for the raiyats to remove silt from these channels. The main channels have to be maintained by Government and the branch channels by the raiyats. The time at which when the repairs are carried on does not coincide so that the raiyats do not get a supply of water at the proper time. The control of these channels may be vested solely in the Public Works Department and Government may be pleased to levy a cess on every rupee of assessment on lands irrigated by such channels.

(*b*) The present system of dual control over irrigation channels is not working satisfactorily. The Revenue Department may be entrusted with the work of repairing such channels and of supplying the raiyats with water from them.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be considered in connection with the scheme for establishing an Irrigation Department for improving the maintenance of works of irrigation.

SUBJECT No. 100.

Abolition of supari cess.

Mr. Agali Venkataramiah, Sira taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Formerly the tax levied on arecanut was a great source of income to Government. This was abolished and a new tax called *supari* cess imposed instead. Even now the assessment on bagayet lands is heavy and the garden products also are going down owing to scanty rains. It is therefore prayed that the *supari* cess may be abolished.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.